

2A:44-51

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**  
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(Stable--liens)

**NJSA:** 2A:44-51

**LAWS OF:** 1997 **CHAPTER:** 2

**BILL NO:** S1216

**SPONSOR(S):** Singer

**DATE INTRODUCED:** May 16, 1996

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Agriculture  
**SENATE:** Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** December 12, 1996  
**SENATE:** June 20, 1996

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 24, 1997

**FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**SPONSOR STATEMENT:** Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes  
**SENATE:** Yes

**FISCAL NOTE:** No

**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**MESSAGE ON SIGNING:** No

**FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:**

**REPORTS:** No

**HEARINGS:** No

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SENATE, No. 1216

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 16, 1996

By Senator SINGER

1 AN ACT concerning certain liens, and amending N.J.S.2A:44-51.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. N.J.S.2A:44-51 is amended to read as follows:

7 2A:44-51. Every keeper of a livery stable or boarding and  
8 exchange stable, shall have a lien on all animals left with him in livery,  
9 for board, sale or exchange and upon all carriages, wagons, sleighs and  
10 harness left with him for storage, sale or exchange for the amount due  
11 such proprietor for the board and keep of such animal and also for  
12 such storage, and shall have the right, without process of law, to retain  
13 the same until the amount of such indebtedness is discharged.

14 As used in this section, "keeper of a livery stable" shall include, but  
15 need not be limited to, a proprietor of a stable, a trainer, a  
16 veterinarian, a farrier, or any other person who has a financial  
17 relationship with the owner of the horse.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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22 STATEMENT  
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24 The purpose of this bill is to broaden the scope of the "Stableman's  
25 Lien Act" to include not only the owners of farms and stables, but  
26 others who provide services through those premises, such as trainers,  
27 veterinarians and farriers. The "Stableman's Lien Act" has remained  
28 unchanged since it was enacted in 1872. This bill would ensure that  
29 the law is interpreted to coincide with changes in society and the  
30 equine industry, by extending the benefit of the law to other  
31 professionals and contractors that perform services through a  
32 particular stable or farm.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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3 Expands scope of "Stableman's Lien Act."

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND  
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1216**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 30, 1996

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans' Affairs and Agriculture Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1216.

The "Stableman's Lien Act" provides that a keeper of a livery stable or boarding and exchange stable shall have a lien on all animals left with him for the amount due to that person. This bill would broaden the definition of "keeper of a livery stable" to include a proprietor of a stable, a trainer, a veterinarian, a farrier, or any other person who has a financial relationship with the owner of the horse.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1216**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 1996

The Assembly Agriculture and Waste Management Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1216.

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